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SUBJECT: NPG: JANUARY 23 STAFF GROUP MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 17029 (DTG 210017Z JAN 78) NOTAL),  
(B) USNATO 558 (DTG 181702Z JAN 78)(NOTAL),  
(C) USNATO 545 (DTG 181414Z JAN 78)(NOTAL), (D) STATE  
11806 (DTG 170125Z JAN 78)(NOTAL).

SUMMARY: AT THEIR JANUARY 23 MEETING THE NPG STAFF GROUP  
DISCUSSED THE SPRING NPG MINISTERIAL AGENDA, FUTURE NPG  
MEETINGS IN BELGIUM AND NORWAY, AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE  
FEBRUARY HIGH LEVEL GROUP MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. AT JANUARY 23 NPG STAFF GROUP MEETING, US REP  
(WOODWORTH) INTRODUCED US-SUGGESTED CHANGES (REF A) TO  
THE DRAFT NPG MINISTERIAL AGENDA IN REF B.

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. - ALLIED REPS ACCEPTED US WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM I  
AND AGREED TO THE APPROACH FOR HANDLING DISCUSSION TOPICS  
PROPOSED IN REF B. THE STAFF GROUP AGREED ON SEVERAL  
EDITORIAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE HEADINGS FOR AGENDA ITEM  
II, INCLUDING THOSE IN REF A. HOWEVER, ALLIED REPS DID  
NOT WISH TO INCLUDE THE PHRASE "TO MINISTERS" IN THE TITLE  
OF DOCUMENT (B) UNDER AGENDA ITEM II-B, WHICH IN THEIR

VIEW WOULD GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF BY-PASSING PERMREPS.

2. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL CIRCULATE A REVISED DRAFT OF THE AGENDA, WHICH THE STAFF GROUP WILL REVIEW AFTER THE FEBRUARY HLG MEETING.

3. BELGIAN REP, FOLLOWING UP AMBASSADOR SCHUURMANS' ANNOUNCEMENT ON JANUARY 17 THAT BELGIUM WOULD HOST THE FALL 1978 NPG MINISTERIAL (REF C), SAID THAT DETAILS REMAINED TO BE DECIDED BUT CONFIRMED THAT THE MEETING WOULD PROBABLY BE HELD AT THE PALAIS D'EGMONT IN BRUSSELS.

4. NORWEGIAN REP (LUNDE) SAID NORWAY PLANNED TO HOST THE SPRING 1980 NPG MINISTERIAL, WHICH HE WAS ANNOUNCING NOW IN ORDER TO AID FUTURE PLANNING.

5. IN RESPONSE TO US REP'S QUERY (PER REF D, PARA 3), NONE OF THE ALLIED REPS INDICATED THAT THEIR DELEGATIONS AT THE FEBRUARY HLG MEETING WOULD REQUIRE INTERPRETORS. WE DISCUSSED THIS QUESTION SEPARATELY WITH THE BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE, WHO SAID THAT WHILE BELGIUM FAVORED INTERPRETORS FOR NATO MEETINGS "AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE," HE RECOGNIZED THE POTENTIAL INCONVENIENCE OF ARRANGING INTERPRETATION AT THE HLG MEETING. HE SAID THE BELGIAN HLG REPRESENTATIVES WERE FLUENT IN ENGLISH AND WOULD BE CONTENT FOR THE MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED WITH-  
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